Capital Project Sales Tax

LEAD COMMITTEE Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 2:00pm

Greenwood County Library Veterans Auditorium

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Committee Members Present: Ankoma Anderson

Paul Bagnoli Charles Herndon Theo Lane Jimmy Peden

Staff Present: Toby Chappell, County Manager

Charlie Barrineau, City Manager

Toby Chappell, the Greenwood County Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Each committee member introduced themselves and identified their committee. The cumulative list was passed out to each person in attendance to confirm for accuracy. The goal of the meeting is to confirm a comprehensive list of projects that each would like to move forward with. The next meetings will further the prioritizing and monetizing the projects to get them ready for the Commissioners.

Paul Bagnoli, chairman with the Public Safety Committee, summarized each project on that list with a short description of the project. Further clarification was given on the Fire Master Plan after a question was presented. Toby Chappell had a concern about the radio systems for Lander University and Piedmont Tech being cut out of the 800MHg Radio system. The value of adding them back into the project would be approximately \$300,000. Mr. Bagnoli reported on behalf of the committee that since those were State Agencies, that the state could fund these systems if they wanted them. Further discussion regarding adding the project back into the project numbers. Committee will research whether Lander and Piedmont Tech are able to get funds from the State for this project.

Jimmy Peden, chairman with the Parks and Recreation Committee, summarized each project on the list. He also clarified that the Parks and Trails Foundation actually had 8 parks included in the project. Further discussion regarding the operation and maintenance of the projects once implemented. Mr. Peden shared his experience with bringing events into the community using the county facilities that could bring a positive economic impact to the area.

Theo Lane, chairman with the Economic Development Committee, summarized the projects. He began with the Genetic Center details. There was discussion regarding the amendment of their request to be a High Rail Technology project instead of the larger project request. Also discussed was the name change of the Spec Building to North 25 Industrial Park. Mr. Lane gave further explanation of the project. There was discussion regarding the specifics of the building construction and readiness for industry. There was further discussion justifying the need for the building. Mr. Lane presented the project for Piedmont Tech with Rusty Denning adding clarification to the project request.

Charles Herndon, chairman with the Infrastructure Committee, summarized that his list had 27 projects on it. There has been some major evaluating and cutting of projects. Mr. Herndon gave specific descriptions to some of the top projects the committee chose. Questions and discussions were address regarding the amount of total money collected in the years of the project. Mr. Chappell suggested that the committees come up with their projects and priority, and then have the monetary discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding the exposure of the Capital Project Sales Tax and the projects in a positive light.

Ankoma Anderson, chairman with the Quality of Life Committee, summarized the projects on the list. He emphasized the positive aspects of each project for our community. There was a question about whether Katherine Hall would also be used as some sort of a community center in the Ware Shoals area, with the answer of yes. It was also added that the Railroad Historical Center could also be a positive attraction to Economic Development.

Toby Chappell summarized the discussion in the attempt to bring to the table any objections of any of the projects. After given the opportunity, it was agreed that the projects submitted would be the list that will be used to move forward.

Charlie Barrineau confirmed that there is an updated map that shows all of the project locations in Greenwood County.

Mr. Chappell would like for everyone to bring to the next meeting any details, supplemental information, updated information that was addressed in this meeting to support their projects to be ready to prioritize and monetize the list.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 30th at 8:00am.

Toby Chappell adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.